

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational institutions which have proven down through the years to be exemplary organizations devoted to ensuring the highest standards of conduct and achievement in their students; and

Whereas, Notre Dame High School in Saint Louis opened its doors to day students in 1934 as a project of the School Sisters of Notre Dame who founded “Sancta Maria in Ripa” (Holy Mary on the Riverbank) as their motherhouse and training school for young women in 1898; and

Whereas, Notre Dame High School grew from its original class of thirty students to a freshman class of 140 students by 1940, and now recognizes more than 7,000 alumnae from the United States and seven foreign countries; and

Whereas, with one in eight faculty/staff members a School Sister of Notre Dame and thirty percent holding the status of alumnae, Notre Dame High School successfully strives to fulfill its Mission, “Responding to the mission of Jesus and the charism of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the Catholic community of Notre Dame High School empowers its students to become confident, compassionate Christian women. Notre Dame High School provides a strong college preparatory program to young women of diverse abilities through an environment of directed individualized learning. The common vision of Notre Dame High School is to educate students toward the integration of lifelong learning, faith and service.”; and

Whereas, in 1961 Notre Dame High School added Advanced Placement courses; 1963 saw the beginning of Advanced College Credit through Saint Louis University; and in 1971 the school began “Directed Individualized Learning,” which emphasizes personal organization, student responsibility for her own learning, and encouragement to excel at her individual pace; and

Whereas, the quality of programs, courses, instruction, and students is evidenced in the ninety-eight percent of Notre Dame High School graduates who pursue higher education:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history and impressive record of achievement associated with Notre Dame High School and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations upon attaining the Seventieth Anniversary of the founding of their educational institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Notre Dame High School in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Patricia M. Yaeger
District No. 96

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker